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OF THE

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM,

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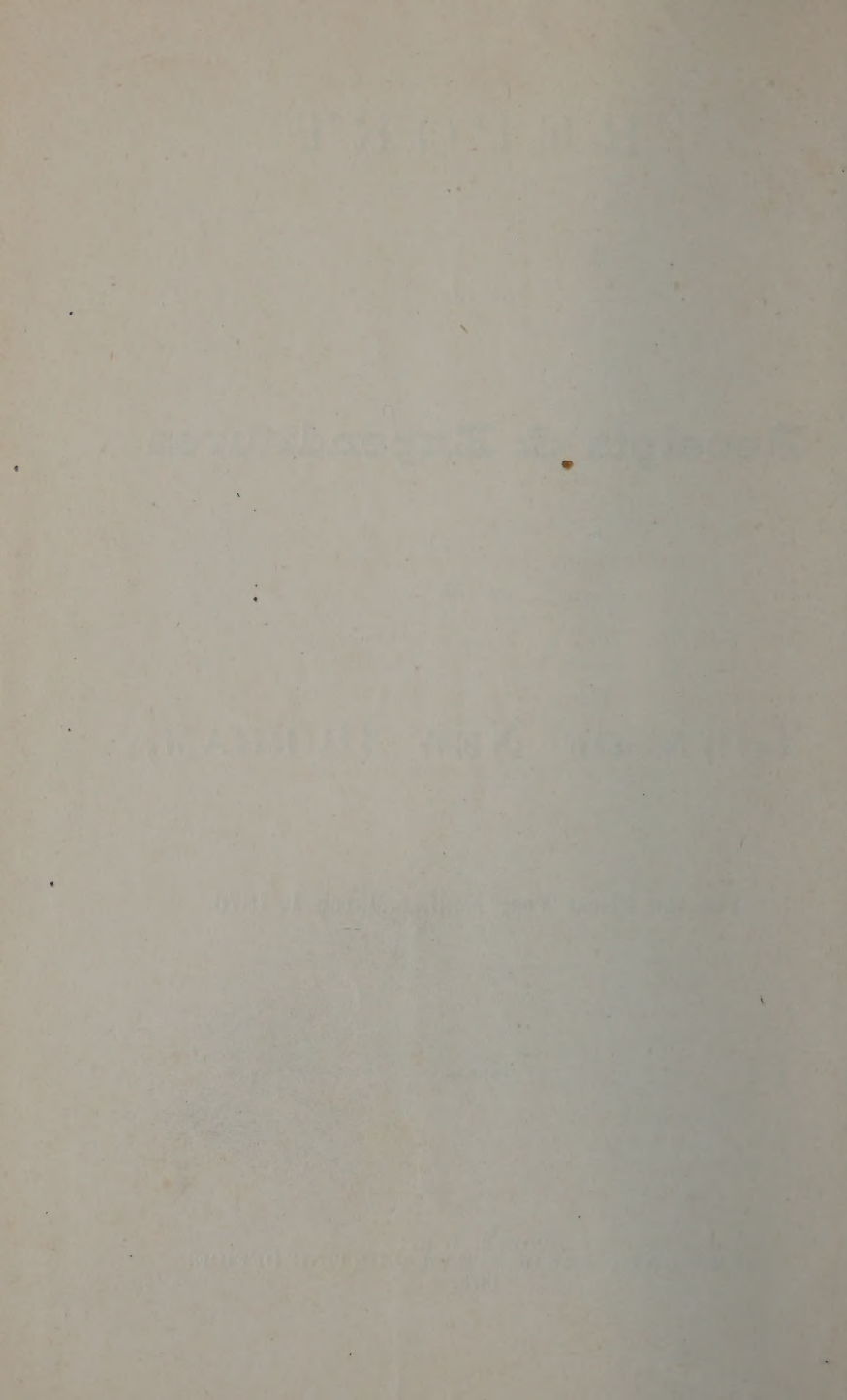
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Receipts into the Treasury.

Cash paid by I. P. Berry, cash on hand as Treasurer and
Taxes collected after March 1, 1875, \$5223 40

[The above amount includes J. S. Colbath's note for \$200, J. H. Downing & Co.'s note for \$67.75 and a note paid by E. E. Berry amounting to \$85.85, which was omitted in the last report. The above notes were held as cash.]

Ira Bachelder, money hired,	100 00
R. R. Miller, "	300 00
Thomas Brackett, "	309 00
A. Brackett, "	200 00
A. Y. Chamberlin, "	250 00
N. Durgin, "	325 00
I. P. Berry, "	2000 00
A. J. Chamberlin, "	500 00
C. T. Miller, "	175 00
E. A. Ricker,	1300 00
County of Strafford Referee's fee in Brooks case,	27 00
I. S. Ricker, on tax list 1875,	7516 43
J. F. Dorr, money hired,	1010 00
R. Miller, note and int.,	169 64
County of Strafford, paupers,	245 44
S. Gooch, money hired,	350 00
Savings Bank tax,	449 61
R. R. tax,	58 56

Literary Fund,	88 15
O. T. Barker, money hired,	2000 00
L. R. Davis, “	2000 00
I. P. Berry, interest on taxes collected since March 1, '74	241 81
Sarah E. Griffiths, money hired,	3000 00
Cash refunded by A. S. Willey,	1 25
Rent of Town lot,	1 20
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	\$27,841 49

Disbursements.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Hiram Berry,	\$25 75
Hiram W. Edgerly,	66 00
Joseph Y. Berry,	30 00
Kingman Pinkham,	50 00
S. Dame,	50 00
T. D. Chamberlin,	25 00
J. McKeen,	50 00
F. W. Coburn,	79 55
T. D. Chamberlin,	38 79
O. Berry,	37 20
J. S. Chamberlin,	50 30
James McKeen,	35 75
A. G. Rines,	42 81
Hiram Berry,	21 42
J. A. Jackson,	76 39
G. N. Perkins,	82 69
Kingman Pinkham,	51 63
Samuel Langley,	40 54
J. Y. Berry,	44 59
H. W. Edgerly,	75 62
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PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Sylvester French,	\$42 25
Dr. C. W. Perkins, medical aid to D. Miller's wife,	58 50
A. Colomy,	3 50

Paid Hannah Woodman,	8 00
G. N. Wallace,	10 00
John Bartlett,	6 00
Israel P. Davis,	11 00
G. N. Wallace,	15 00
Israel P. Davis,	13 00
Dr. C. W. Perkins, medical aid to Mrs. D. Miller,	15 00
Israel P. Davis,	4 00
do do	2 00
Dr. John L. Swinerton, medical aid to Jacob Jackson's	
daughter,	26 00
Mrs. D. Miller,	3 00
A. Colomy,	2 10
Israel P. Davis,	4 96
A. Colomy,	2 15
Israel P. Davis,	2 00
John Bartlett,	3 00
Israel P. Davis,	50
J. Bartlett,	3 00
Israel P. Davis,	2 00
Hannah Woodman,	14 00
J. Bartlett,	6 00
Israel P. Davis,	4 00
John Bartlett,	3 00
do do	3 00
A. Colomy	1 50
Joseph Tebbetts,	30 12
Letta Edgerly,	12 00
Israel P. Davis,	7 00
do do	5 85
Mrs. John Dodge,	7 45
Letta Edgerly,	18 00
Transient pauper,	50
Israel P. Davis,	5 00
A. Colomy,	38 06
Dr. R. H. King, medical aid to Mrs. Stone,	7 00
G. N. Wallace, in 1874,	7 00
Dr. C. W. Perkins, medical aid to J. Bartlett,	7 75
" " " " A. Colomy,	14 50
Elizabeth E. Runnals,	3 50
G. N. Wallace,	9 00
C. H. Brackett,	18 00

Paid Hannah Woodman,	6 00
Joseph Tebbetts,	34 50
Letta Edgerly,	8 13
Mary Edgerly,	30 75
Hannah Woodman,	7 80
John Bartlett,	15 00
Dr. C. W. Perkins, medical aid to Israel P. Davis,	17 38
Co. of Strafford for board of John V. & E. Runnals,	10 28
Electa Ann Weeks,	26 28
Dr. C. W. Perkins, medical aid to Electa Ann Weeks,	26 68
Mrs. D. Miller,	45 94
Israel P. Davis,	2 00
Dr. D. T. Parker, medical aid to Caroline Crockett,	7 00
I. P. Davis	66
A. Colomy,	70
Mrs. A. J. Walker,	45 00
A. D. Randall, boarding Julia Young's child in 1874,	2 50
Sarah Webb, boarding Eunice Horne,	59 96
I. P. Berry, taking affidavits in pauper cases,	2 00
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	\$806 95

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid Eben E. Berry,	8 00
Benjamin Canney,	18 00
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	\$26 00

TAXES.

State Tax,	800 00
County Tax,	780 36
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	\$1580 36

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Charles Hayes, note and int.,	1555 41
William Langley, " " "	1562 20

Paid Clara J. Runnals, int.,	78 00
Seth H. Kimball, "	180 00
Maria A. Chesley, "	24 00
Charles H. Berry, "	18 54
Alfred Gooch, "	313 90
Nathan L. Proctor, note and int.,	765 76
Thomas Brackett,	159 00
Ira Shannon, int.,	91 95
" " note and int.,	1541 00
I. P. Berry, " "	229 66
S. F. Chamberlin, note and int.,	52 50
Wm. Chamberlin, " "	421 73
Caroline T. Miller, " "	88 24
Maria A. Chesley, endorsement,	150 00
Emma A. Ricker, note and int.,	621 00
Mianda A. Jenkins, " "	174 53
R. R. Miller, " "	310 35
Alfred Gooch, " "	4517 15
Ezekiel H. Berry, endorsement,	100 00
Lizzie L. Davis, note and int.,	62 82
O. T. Barker, " "	2270 22
L. R. Davis, " "	2270 22
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	\$17,558 18

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid George Bickford, services as Selectman 34 days	
doing town business,	68 00
copying invoice book,	5 00
going to Dover twice, time and fare,	5 00
going to Farmington three times, time and fare,	3 80
paying note at Gilmanton,	1 00
1 day at Great Falls, time and fare,	3 90
1 day at 2d div. appointing agents,	2 00
22 1-2 days appraising real estate,	45 00
pauper business,—time, fares on Railroads, and	
fees paid Town Clerks and Justices for certificates to prove settlements, and horse hire,	32 00
agent in Boody case 1-2 day notifying witnesses,	1 00
horse hire,	1 00

Paid George Bickford, 2 days at Rochester, time and fare,	4 90
9 days preparing the accounts for trial.	18 00
Horatio G. Chamberlin for services as Selectman, 34 days doing town business,	68 00
22 1-2 days appraising real estate	45 00
pauper business,	5 00
horse hire,	7 50
Cyrus C. Rollins, services as Selectman, 34 days doing town business,	68 00
22 1-2 days appraising real estate,	45 00
services in pauper cases,	10 00
Ira S. Ricker, services as Collector,	120 00
George F. Jones, services as Town Clerk,	49 00
J. S. Colbath, services as Treasurer,	25 00
E. E. Berry, S. School Committee,	45 00
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	\$678 10

LAWSUITS.

Paid Charles W. Edgerly, execution in Brooks case,	164 98
Stephen Nutter, fees in N. Ham and G. F. Tebbetts cases,	29 69
George N. Eastman, fees in Ham, Tebbetts and Brooks cases,	116 58
Stephen Nutter,	175 00
S. W. Joy, services in Boody case,	17 50
W. J. Copeland; services in Nutter case,	130 00
Elvin E. Berry, witness fees in Nutter case in 1873,	6 00
J. S. Colbath, in Boody case preparing accounts for trial,	19 00
P. C. Ham, witness fee in Boody case,	4 90
J. A. Miller, " "	4 90
C. Bickford, " "	4 90
B. B. Tebbetts, " "	4 80
D. Burnham, " "	5 00
R. Miller, " "	2 90
H. Barker, " "	2 50
S. W. Joy, " "	4 90
H. W. Edgerly, " "	4 90
J. S. Colbath, " "	4 90
Smith and Whipple's board at Rochester,	6 00

Paid Whipple's fare to Rochester,	90
Procuring evidence,	2 00
Horse hire,	1 50
James A. Miller, 1 1-2 days preparing evidence in Boody case,	3 00
John W. Currier, legal advice in 1872,	1 00
S. W. Joy, 3 days preparing evidence in Boody case,	6 00
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	\$723 75

ABATEMENTS.

Heirs of William H. Tash,	3 95
Frank Clay, 1874,	3 95
Heirs of P. Driscoll, 1874,	95
Heirs of Samuel Hayes, 1874,	7 04
Heirs of Chase Durgin, 1874,	6 55
Josiah W. Smith, 1874,	5 52
Joseph F. Berry, 1873,	4 94
John H. Gray, "	4 41
Samuel Rollins, "	4 94
John Veneau, "	4 94
William LeClare, "	4 94
Joseph Marcott, "	4 94
Abram Berebe, "	4 94
Moses Blanchard, "	4 94
Jonathan Woodman, 1873,	4 94
Paul M. Runnals, dogs,	3 00
Eli B. Stillings, 1875,	4 20
Samuel Tetherly,	10 08
T. E. Mitchell, 1873,	1 18
Daniel Hayes,	1 89
Henry E. Chamberlin, on horse,	5 20
J. G. Aspinwall, for 1873—4,	9 85
John Veneau, 1873,	4 94
George White, 1873,	4 94
F. S. Dodge, 1874,	3 95
Lydia Witham, 1874,	4 73
F. P. Hayes, 1873,	4 94
James N. Palmer on horse,	1 68
B. & M. Rail Road,	46 80

Frank S. Glidden, poll tax 1874,	3 95
George Hutchins, " "	3 95
Lyman P. Jenness, " "	3 95
C. R. Runnals,	10 81
L. Runnals,	9 62
Ira Rand,	17 77
J. G. Stillings,	2 73
I. J. Young, 1873,	4 95
George LaRock, 1874,	2 70
Frank P. Hayes, 1873,	1 00
James I. Brown, 1873,	4 94
Joseph I. Young, 1873,	7 23
Benjamin Perry, 1874,	4 94
James Lucas,	11 62
Joseph Hill, highway tax 1873—4,	4 43
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	\$275 86

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid I. P. Berry, expenses to Dover, New Market and	
Durham paying notes,	5 65
Charles E. Runnals, services as Auditor,	3 00
Ezekiel H. Berry, services as Auditor,	3 00
John W. Hurd, express fees on Town Reports,	25
Paul M. Runnals, services as Police,	2 00
E. H. Twombly, recording mortgage,	85
G. F. Jones, team to Gilmanton,	1 50
Charles E. Davis, sawing wood,	75
M. H. Chesley, services as Police,	2 00
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	18 69
I. P. Berry, stove,	2 00
Assistants in locating non-resident lands,	11 25
F. Hayes, school house tax in Dis't No. 9,	225 00
J. B. Witham, services as Police,	2 00
E. J. Lane & Co., stationery,	1 40
George F. Jones, stationery and stamps for Selectmen,	5 00
" " " for Town Clerk,	9 85
" " examining records in pauper cases and	
searching for papers in Boody case,	5 00
Elihu Hayes, for wood,	3 00

Paid Jerome B. Page, printing Town Reports,	40 00
Charles W. Woodman, proving claim against J. H. Downing,	2 00
J. S. Colbath, proving charges against J. H. Downing & Co.,	8 00
Ira S. Ricker, paying State Tax at Concord,	3 60
E E. Berry, writing history of education during the last century,	10 00
E. E. Berry, School Report for the Centennial,	4 00
I. P. Berry, services as Treasurer from the time the books were closed to the appointment of the next Treasurer,	5 00
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	\$374 79

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Albinus B. Tebbetts, extra labor on highway,	7 85
George F. Jones, " "	3 18
Josiah Nason, " "	10 00
O. B. Coburn, covering bridges with stone,	59 00
extra labor on highway,	10 00
J. T. Libbey, " "	5 67
A. J. Chamberlin, " "	7 56
H. G. Chamberlin, " "	2 65
C. H. Willey, " "	3 33
S. Mitchell, " "	4 06
E. Durgin, " "	3 87
S. Willey, " "	4 37
J. A. Miller, " "	1 50
J. W. Durgin, " "	3 33
R. W. Willey, " "	1 50
Saul Willey, " "	1 50
O. B. Coburn, " "	4 50
A. S. Willey, " "	50
R. Miller, " "	1 80
R. R. Miller, " "	2 33
James Durgin, " "	2 00
J. W. Towle, railing bridge,	8 90
J. A. Miller, extra labor on highway,	3 83
J. W. Towle " "	9 65

Paid J. M. Boody, extra labor on highway,	1 16
T. N. Davis, " "	8 64
J. Davis extra labor,	1 30
H. Berry, " "	66
J. B. Davis, " "	14 53
J. G. Davis, " "	2 40
E. E. Berry, " "	6 44
J. F. Tash, " "	4 12
H. W. Edgerly, iron work,	10 75
S. Mitchell, extra labor,	1 50
W. Towle, " "	6 25
Eben E. Berry, " "	1 19
C. Bickford, " "	8 29
bridge plank,	13 93
C. F. Towle, extra labor,	2 54
L. R. Sumner, " "	3 33
W. S. Sumner, " "	5 00
W. H. Mead, " "	2 50
W. W. Pinkham, " "	3 33
Amount of highway tax worked in 1875,	1111 33
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	\$1372 07

[Two of the road lists were not returned, and the above amount is as near correct as we could ascertain.]

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Joseph Hill,	4 42
Clarissa J. Tebbetts,	4 00
Jackson C. Bickford,	4 59
E. H. Berry,	2 30
Elwin E. Berry,	2 30
Moses Randall,	17
L. R. Sumner,	22 42
W. S. Sumner,	16 07
John Reid,	27 50
W. T. Rines,	35 17
G. Boston,	26 50
Gilman Boston,	29 17
H. Boston,	20 34

Paid J. A. Jackson,	11 68
J. Corson,	25 10
L. F. French,	16 50
T. W. Perkins,	19 78
Ivory P. Sampson,	10 50
J. Durgin,	25 50
Maria A. Chesley,	15 37
D. Miller,	1 70
O. Berry,	9 52
T. Caverly,	2 40
J. G. Aspinwall,	73
L. M. Glidden,	24 32
J. N. Palmer,	10 00
A. D. Horne,	11 58
Joseph F. Glidden,	23 26
Paul M. Runnals,	13 45
Samuel Langley,	75 77
George N. Perkins,	40 73
George W. Horne,	7 68
Joseph P. Rollins,	4 86
John Dealing,	10 69
William S. Butler,	24 33
Albert D. Horne,	5 22
C. C. Foster,	2 81
Benjamin K. Horne,	14 96
William W. Pinkham,	10 75
Albinus B. Tebbetts,	38 10
George F. Tebbetts,	2 55
Baalis B. Tebbetts,	14 44
William Pinkham,	34
A. F. Rollins,	85
S. C. Tebbetts,	11 21
S. T. H. Runnals,	3 58
W. H. Pinkham,	5 94
K. Pinkham,	17
Moses Berry,	19 92
John Berry,	51
Elihu Hayes,	4 07
T. W. Hurd,	10 92
Ezra H. Evans,	5 50
E. Stanton,	7 32
I. C. Chamberlin,	4 00

Paid Henry E. Chamberlin,	31 41
R. Daphenu,	6 50
A. C. Rines,	15 47
J. L. Jones,	20 83
Ira Evans,	4 85
R. Evans,	9 01
S. Pinkham,	6 80
S. Dame,	14 62
S. W. Joy,	21 44
E. Jenkins,	43 50
J. L. Gleason,	54 83
T. S. Butler,	4 40
G. N. Perkins, for 1873,	6 00
H. M. Hill,	3 00
John P. Rollins,	7 31
J. Brackett,	1 02
A. Brackett,	3 82
T. Brackett,	14 77
G. A. Corson,	6 73
G. K. Holbrook,	22 20
B. Willey,	1 53
J. W. Durgin,	5 27
A. S. Willey,	6 63
E. Durgin,	36 40
J. F. Mitchell,	15 30
B. C. Perkins,	10 50
B. F. Perkins,	5 44
S. Mitchell,	18 68
C. B. Perkins,	1 26
J. D. Perkins,	2 37
A. J. Perkins,	2 06
J. B. Young,	14 32
M. Canney,	14 31
G. F. Jones,	1 00
William Towle,	8 78
C. C. Rollins,	1 00
C. Adams,	50
B. W. Randall,	1 50
W. S. Randall,	1 50
H. & A. G. Rines,	19 92
A. R. Rines,	8 50
L. D. Rines,	7 51

Paid C. H. Rines,	5 92
J. O. Ayers,	1 36
D. Furbush,	9 50
E. H. Roberts,	14 92
J. Elkins,	2 21
Henry G. Chamberlin,	20 92
Horatio G. Chamberlin,	16 60
S. F. Chamberlin,	16 75
S. F. Gray,	13 33
W. S. Gray,	4 58
C. H. Willey,	17
O. B. Coburn,	16 44
F. Hayes,	17 42
W. H. Pinkham,	50 45
Daniel Lucas,	10 37
James Johnson,	3 67
L. A. Johnson,	13 70
T. E. Mitchell,	9 86
M. H. Chesley,	17 00
H. F. Muzzey,	9 30
R. Miller,	10 60
R. R. Miller,	9 37
D. Hayes,	24 72
H. Stevens,	2 52
M. J. French,	45 24
J. A. Miller,	6 83
T. N. Davis,	13 83
J. F. Tash,	5 77
J. C. Davis,	24 20
J. W. Towle,	10 50
E. E. Berry,	23 59
J. B. Davis,	5 95
I. C. Libbey,	7 25
T. H. Canney,	7 25
J. Leighton,	12 25
J. Brooks,	19 50
S. F. Evans,	14 25
D. Stevens,	1 67
A. E. Libbey,	3 83
J. M. Boody,	13 53
J. T. Libbey,	9 09
I. P. Berry,	1 00

Paid B. Randall,	24 50
J. Y. Berry,	97 00
I. Willey,	1 33
J. M. Gooch,	1 70
J. Q. Bennett,	20 00
P. G. Ham,	9 17
C. Brooks,	15 18
J. Chamberlin,	29 96
J. Burley,	5 78
T. D. Chamberlin,	14 96
H. P. Boody,	2 50
Levi M. Glidden,	11 68
Daniel Burnham,	4 83
C. Bickford,	1 70
J. B. Witham,	26 12
S. P. Knowles,	15 12
G. Bickford,	1 70
J. Shirley,	2 00
Ira Rand,	5 50
Elihu Hayes,	25 03
B. A. Hørne,	2 00
Jerome B. Witham,	2 05
Jacob H. Ham,	11 34
C. H. Downing,	2 77
J. S. Colbath,	24 85
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	\$2082 33

ASSETS.

Balance in hands of J. S. Colbath, Treasurer, M'ch 1, '76,	1389 07
Uncollected taxes on I. S. Ricker's tax list for 1875,	3270 13
Uncollected taxes on P. C. Ham's tax list,	395 75
James Canney's note and int. dated M'ch 5, 1852,	32 53
Joseph M. Boody's " " " M'ch 5, 1867,	52 17
Nathaniel Ham, " " " May 12, 1875,	602 31
Ira S. Ricker, " " " Feb. 1, 1871,	100 80
J. H. Downing, " " " May 27, 1871,	451 07
J. H. Downing & Co., int. on note held as cash,	4 06
J. Y. Berry's note and int., dated June 17, 1871,	69 09
L. R. Sumner, " " " March 1, 1872,	9 10
B. A. Horne, " " " Sept. 5, 1873,	185 35
J. S. Colbath, int. on note held as cash,	45 52
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	\$6606 95

Liabilities of the Town,	33,731 26
Outstanding bills by estimation,	200 00
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	\$33,931 26
Assets,	6606 95
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Balance after deducting assets,	\$27,324 31
Reduction of Debt,	\$1031 49

GEORGE BICKFORD,
H. G. CHAMBERLIN,
CYRUS C. ROLLINS,
Selectmen of New Durham.
J. S. COLBATH.
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

SAMUEL W. JOY,
HIRAM W. EDGERLY.
Auditors.

March 1, 1876.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

By an Act passed by the Legislature, towns were authorized by a majority vote to exempt from taxation all sums of money loaned the town by residents, provided the rate of interest does not exceed 5 per cent. If the town votes to do this it will save a yearly interest of one per cent. on all sums hired of residents, which amounts to some \$14,000,—one per cent. on this amount will make \$140; while if you vote to tax this sum, every dollar will be drawn and invested where it cannot be taxed, putting the town to the trouble and expense of hiring the same amount of parties living out of town and paying one per cent. more for it. We have consulted with several of the resident creditors in relation to this matter, and most of them express a willingness to let it remain, providing it is not taxed.

By hiring money at 5 and 6 per cent., we have succeeded in paying all notes bearing a high rate of interest, thus making a yearly saving of some \$85.

The highest rate of interest now paid is 6 per cent.

As a matter of economy, it is advisable that the Town House be repaired. It will be better to do this now than to be compelled in a few years to run in debt for a new house which necessarily will cost some \$2500. It can be repaired at comparatively small expense, thus not only preserving a building that will be useful to the town, but one of great historical interest, it being the *first Free Will Baptist church ever erected*.

Your attention is also called to the importance of having a fire proof vault constructed, where the town records can be safely deposited. Such a vault can be built in the Town House at an expense of about \$100, which would be much cheaper than a safe, and would secure the papers equally as well.

The Nutter case was settled in accordance with a vote of the town at its meeting in December.

The Ham case was settled by Nathaniel Ham giving a mortgage of his farm as security for the note. We suggest the propriety of letting it remain as it now stands, as the town is well secured.

The Brooks case was carried before a full Bench, and a trial by jury was denied the town; consequently we were compelled to pay the damages awarded Mr. Brooks by Referee, amounting to \$52.40. Mr. Brooks states that his horse was injured on the Quaker Road, in December, 1874, and claims that the town is liable, owing to a

defect in the road. Mr. Brooks says he will settle the case for \$30. We made inquiries in relation to the case and learned that the Surveyor was not aware that the road was not suitable for safe travel, it being the first snow, and we thought it advisable to lay the case before the town.

The Boody trial commenced December 20th, and lasted two days. The Referee was compelled by prior engagements to adjourn before the trial was completed, but it is expected that the trial will be resumed in a short time. The case is very complicated, and has required much time and expense to prepare the accounts for trial. In adjusting the various claims against Mr. Boody, the Referee must necessarily decide whether the town is liable for the \$50 which Mr. Boody drew from Hiram W. Edgerly, as Treasurer, and also whether the town is holden to James A. Miller for the amount he paid in over and above the amount of his tax list.

We notified all parties, against whom the town holds notes, that the town voted to collect all notes due the town on or before February 1st, 1876. Richard Miller has paid his, and the others remain unpaid. James Canney states that his note was given for taxes that he could not collect, and the Selectmen desired him to give a note for the amount, with the understanding that if the taxes were not collected the note should be void; and he asks the town to release him from the obligation, as he deems it unjust, and also has not the means to pay it. The Joseph M. Boody note was given in payment for the note originally given by his father for uncollected taxes, and it appears that he was illegally chosen as Collector, and consequently was directed not to collect by distraint but by persuasion. He collected the entire list except \$50, for which he gave his note, on which Joseph M. Boody subsequently paid \$26, and he now thinks as the taxes were never collected, that it is unjust for him to pay the balance and asks the town to release him from the obligation. The J. H. Downing & Co. notes have not yet been collected, but the Commissioner of Bankruptcy states that they will probably be paid in full. J. T. Berry, L. R. Sumner and Ira S. Ricker state that they will pay their notes immediately. A note held by Caroline T. Miller, dated Nov. 5th, 1872, amounting to \$86.76, has not been put into the liabilities of the town since it was issued. This note was erased on the note book, consequently the Selectmen knew nothing about it until it was presented for payment. Also a note held by Thomas Brackett, amounting to \$156.70, was accidentally omitted in last year's Report. The above amounts decrease the reduction of the debt this year \$243.46; but for the above omissions, and the large road bills and lawsuit bills, a much larger reduction of the town debt would have been made.

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